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December graduation

Questions arise over cancellation

by Jessica Metros
contributor

Nixon said he issued no directive ordering the Watergate break-in. Ronald Reagan said he issued no directive involving arms sales in the Iran-Contra Affair.

PUC Chancellor Richard Combs said he issued no directive that cancelled the traditional December recognition ceremony for graduates.

Combs said, "The directive for cancelling the mid-year ceremony came from President Beering's office. In conversations with him, Beering agreed with me that the

December ceremony made it less desirable for graduates to participate in our formal May Commencement."

Combs added, "May Commencement needs all the pomp and circumstance we can attribute to it."

He also said the ceremony was not cancelled because of financial considerations or because Alumni Hall could not accommodate graduates and their guests.

A spokesman for Purdue President Dr. Steven C. Beering said, "No such directive came from the President's office. Since the December ceremony was honorary in nature, President Beering and the Board of

Trustees do not attend and therefore would have no reason to be involved with its cancellation."

When confronted with the statement from Beering's office, Combs said, "Dr. Beering suggested the cancellation. And when suggestions come from the President, you don't ignore them."

The December ceremony was held in Alumni Hall. It allowed mid-year graduating seniors to participate in a recognition process.

Many graduates take jobs in other states and are unable to attend May Commencement.

Wes Lukoshus, director of Media Services for PUC said that no official cancellation notice was sent to his office. "This is not unusual. It just means we have one less activity to promote for the university."

Lukoshus said his office had not received any negative comments from faculty or students regarding the December ceremony.

In December of 1988, 292 seniors graduated. That number increased by 12 percent in 1989.

According to Combs, there are no plans for reinstituting the December recognition ceremony.

Professor studies solar system in Australia

by Vince Merlo
contributor

The study of isotopic variations has lent interesting insight into the investigation of the age and origin of our solar system. Its research is also the purpose for a return visit to Australia this summer by Professor H.R. Heydegger, head of the Chemistry department.

Heydegger's visit will be his third to

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Professor H.R. Heydegger

Australia since 1976, for the purpose of experimentation in the isotopic field. It is also the culmination of close to 14 years of work in collaboration with scientists from The University of Chicago and the Australian National University.

He hopes to determine the age of the solar system, somewhere between the estimated ages of the Earth, which is between five billion years and that of the universe, 17 billion to 20 billion years.

"The only way we are able to determine the age of our solar system," Heydegger said, "is to take samples from extraterrestrial solids such as meteorites. Meteorites represent a history older than Earth's. From that, we can deduce the approximate age of the solar system."

That deduction is made possible through an Australian-made device known as the Sensitivity High Resolution Ion Microprobe, or SHRIMP.

The SHRIMP's main focus will be to analyze collected samples of isotopes, the nuclei of certain elements which differ in mass, in this case, samples of Titanium isotopes.

"Titanium is the only element we have found thus far to be present in both extraterrestrial samples and those found here on Earth, in altered forms," said Heydegger.

The SHRIMP is superior to its predecessor with respect to the amount of samples able to be analyzed 200 as compared to 20 and data processing speed, ten minutes to an hour as opposed to two or three days.



photo by Dan Campanella

Men in Underwear. Second City performed in front of a standing room only crowd Saturday night in Alumni Hall. Here, the troupe closes the show with their skit, "Men in Underwear." The performance was part of the Artist Lecture Series which runs through April. Teresa y Los Preferidos, a flamenco dance ensemble, is the next act scheduled for Wednesday April 18, at 8 p.m.

Scheduling

English department creates problems

by Melissa Rohrer
contributor

Everyone makes mistakes, even the English Department.

John Carlisle, associate head of the English Department, mistakenly scheduled Professor Charles Tinkham to teach two overlapping classes on Monday evenings when David Detmer withdrew from instructing

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English 405 student

the later spring course.

Tinkham was scheduled to teach Creative Writing 405 from 6 to 6:50 p.m. and Philosophy 106 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in two separate buildings. He was forced to leave Creative Writing early at 6:20 p.m. for the Philosophy class, denying the students thirty minutes of class time each session.

Detmer was first assigned the Philosophy 106 class, but withdrew after receiving research release time to further his studies.

Neither Carlisle, nor Ruth MacDonald, Head of the English Department, caught the mistake, leaving Tinkham to deal with the burden.

As of February 21, seven weeks into the semester, MacDonald said, "Today I was assured it (the conflict of scheduling) was

being handled."

Eventually corrected or not, one student said, "I don't blame Tinkham. I blame the English Department. I feel shortchanged."

Tinkham has rescheduled the Creative Writing class to meet from 5:30 to 6:20 p.m., effective immediately. He will meet during his office hours with any student who can not attend the new class time.

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Rose travels to Cuba despite restrictions

by Tracy Clark

Mechanical Engineering Technology professor, David Rose, has made four trips to Cuba in two years and is about to embark on a fifth. He doesn't go for the cigars, though he does pick up a few while he's there.

Rose travels to Cuba to visit his sister Betsy and her husband Jay Taylor, who is

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Professor David Rose

the head of the American diplomatic office in Havana. Although there are no formal diplomatic relations between the United States and Cuba, the U.S. has a small office there, Rose said.

The Taylors' position is the only reason Rose is able to go to Cuba at all, since the U.S. State Department has restricted travel to that country. Only people with family members living in Cuba, diplomats and their families and people traveling for business reasons are allowed to go to Cuba.

Rose, who stays between five and ten days each visit, said the time he has spent there has given him a rare opportunity to experience the world of Fidel Castro firsthand.

"It's like going backwards in time," he said. "It's like being in a live museum."

Communist countries are known for being behind the times, but Cuba takes the idea to the extreme. In Havana, the atmosphere resembles the late 1950's, right down to

the cars people drive. The vast majority of privately-owned vehicles are pre-1957, Rose said.

"Those are the only kinds of American cars they can have," he said. "They can have cars that were already in Cuba when Castro took over in 1959 because he couldn't exactly take them away."

It's not impossible for the average Cuban citizen to have a newer car. The Lata, a Soviet model, can be had if one is patient enough to weather a long waiting list and a comparatively steep price tag. But there's a catch. The Latas can't be sold, only turned back in to the government in exchange for another Lata.

Rose said the buildings that existed before 1959 have decayed and are in as much need of repair as the old cars.

"Hundreds of old mansions and hotels have been abandoned or converted into multiple-family housing," he said. "The government hasn't really bothered to re-

pair or paint them."

"A building that has murals of Columbus' travels painted on the walls now has bats swarming around in it."

But there is now an effort going on to restore some of these elegant pre-Castro buildings, Rose said. One that hasn't been left to fall apart at the mercy of passing time is the Tropicana Night Club, which used to be one of the popular night spots during Havana's wilder pre-Castro days. It's now a tourist attraction. There's also a resort at the site of the Bay of Pigs invasion of 1961.

Rose said he spends his time in Cuba touring old Havana and the countryside. Just like everything else, the villages and beaches haven't changed that much.

"They're still just as beautiful as ever," he said.

Despite the wave of reform sweeping Eastern Europe, Cuba's situation isn't likely to change soon, Rose said.

"Castro has made it clear he's not going to yield, he's sticking to his hard-line stance," he said.

This is evident by his actions following the U.S. invasion of Panama. For four days, Castro had 250,000 people sent in shifts to the American diplomats' office to protest the military action after he told them what to say, Rose said.

But things might change when Castro leaves power, depending on who replaces him, according to Rose.

"He's 63 now and I read an article the other day saying that some authorities think he's losing it in making rational decisions," he said. "But nobody can really say whether he'll stay 'till death or step down voluntarily or bring about his own demise as a leader."

Rose will be leaving for Cuba again on March 15. It will be his last visit because Jay Taylor, Rose's brother-in-law, will soon be transferred out of Cuba.

Fellowship deadline is approaching

by David R. Baggett

Applications for a paid internship in state government are being taken. The Governor's Fellowship is open to all majors under 26 who received a bachelor's degree in 1989 or who will receive one in spring 1990 and provides a unique 12-month training experience in Indiana government.

Applications must be postmarked by March 9 and may be obtained from Jerome Wermuth, assistant to the chancellor, in 0-318.

Following a brief orientation, governor's fellows are assigned, on a rotating basis, to various state agencies in which they observe and train. In addition, the fellows participate in seminars and field trips with top policymakers in state government.

Governor's fellows have worked in such agencies as the Department of Administration, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Mental Health, the Indiana State Police and others. The program recruits 10 fellows and many remain in state government, while others take positions in the private sector or continue their education.

Qualified applicants are selected by a steering committee that forwards a finalists' list to the governor, who makes the final selection. Selection is based on an individual's academic record, B minus or above, leadership skills, references, quality of a 500-word essay and overall interest in state government.

Governor's fellows will receive between \$19,000 and \$19,500 in salary plus full fringe benefits. The program takes place from July 1 to June 30, 1991.

a statement by the Committee Against Racism

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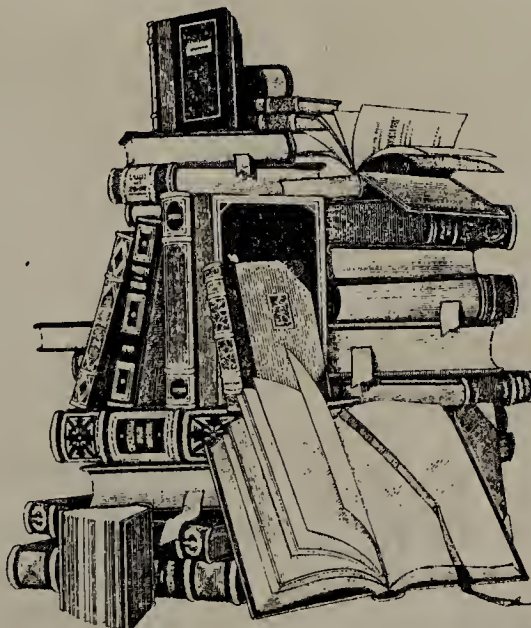
According to published reports, the PUC administration has a new plan that sounds a lot like the South African government's policy of placing blacks in isolated Bantustans ("homelands"). The plan begins by abolishing all student organization offices except for a few--including mainly ethnic-oriented and gender-oriented groups. We ask, "Why?"

We recognize and respect the fact that Los Latinos, the Black Student Union, and Women to Women are not restrictive in their membership policies and are open to all students, but they do have particular emphases. There are over a dozen other organizations, which are explicitly multi-racial/multi-cultural, such as CAR, the Student NEA, and others, which will be losing their office space. Currently, all these organization offices are in close proximity to each other; this new plan will only serve to separate them. How can this new separatist plan lessen racism and segregation on campus? Do the Chancellor and the new Dean of Students really think that this plan is a constructive move towards the increased retention of minority students?

The fight against campus racism requires that all student organizations be given equal access to available facilities. Space must be allocated according to need, as determined by the students. We need more multi-racial and multi-cultural student interaction at Purdue; the administration in fact proposes more institutional racism. Of course it is possible that the university will do away with office space for all the student organizations on an equal basis; but this would still mean eliminating one more source of constructive student involvement at Purdue. Join with the Committee Against Racism to oppose these plans.



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CTUS upgrades word processing software

by Natalie Chick

Although all the construction has long been completed, the computer lab is still undergoing changes. This time the changes are internal rather than external. Computing, Telecommunications and User Services will upgrade its word processing system from Word 4 to Word 5.

The program has several advantages over the current program that include "direct importing of graphics, placing text and graphics anywhere on the page, editing while columns appear on-screen, automatic pagination, previewing documents to see how they'll look when printed, cross-referencing, automatic file backup, plus major improvements to spelling, macros, and setting tabs," according to "The Latest Word," a newsletter published by the Microsoft Applications Division and made available by PUC's Mike Tucker.

Word 5 also features page layout tools that will allow users to design reports and newsletter more attractively and more efficiently than before. Word 5 allows users to "import, resize, and print graphic images generated from variety of programs, position any paragraph, whether it contains text or graphics, at a specific, fixed location on the page and have existing text wrap around it automatically," according to the newsletter.

Users of Word 5 can also preview pages before they are printed. All texts, paragraphs, running heads, footnotes, and columns will appear on the screen as they will appear after printing.

The changes were initiated by a memo from PUC's Chancellor, Richard J. Combs, outlining the responsibilities of the Computing and Telecommunications Resources Policy Committee for a software upgrade.

The Chancellor established certain standards for PUC's computer system on the basis of compatibility and support throughout the campus. The current standard being used is Word 4.

The Computing and Telecommunications Resources Policy Committee, which has been in existence since the mid-seventies, takes several steps in reviewing a software program before an upgrade is made.

Several copies of the program are given to the faculty, administration and staff to use and evaluate. The committee also gives several seminars demonstrating the software's use. Feedback from the users is

given to the committee who then decides whether or not to endorse it.

Word 5 has been endorsed by the committee and will be used this summer. It will be ready for student use in the fall.

Walt Miner, director of Computer Services, said, "Upgrading to the latest release is not something we do just because something is newly released on the market. We look at the benefits to the campus. Of course, there is a cost to an upgrade not only in the software, but more importantly, in training people to use it. So, there must be a commitment to an upgrade."

Currently, there are four standard software programs used on campus: Word 4, Lotus 123, D-base 3+ version 1.1 and Harvard Graphics 2.12. The only program approved and upgraded thus far has been Word, but the committee will be reviewing the other software programs in the future.

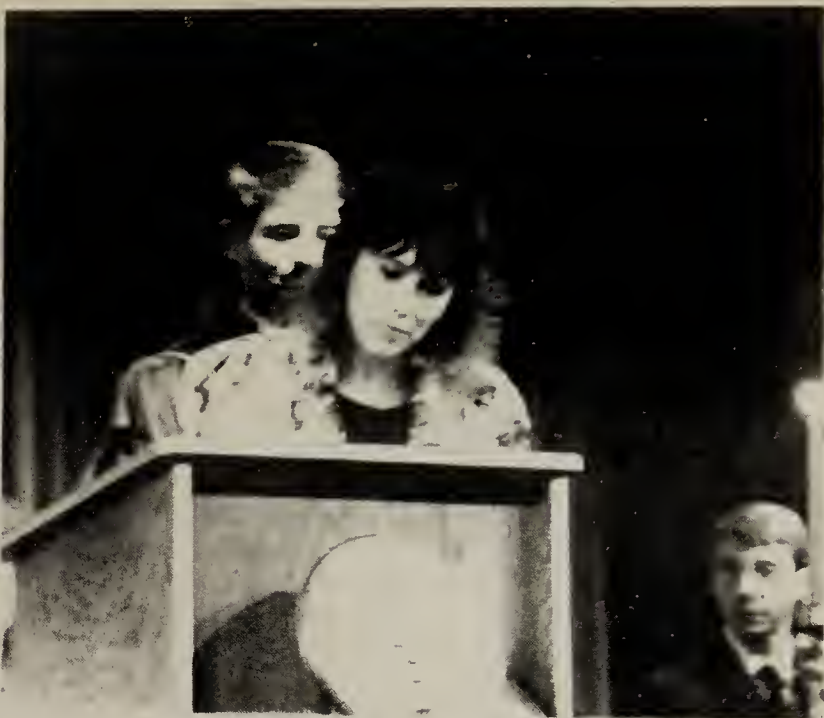


photo by Andy Wright

Outstanding students honored. Richelle Miller joined fifty-nine other students who were inducted into the Indiana Theta Chapter of the PUC Alpha Chi Honor society.

Homecoming winners are crowned

Melissa Santiago of Los Latinos and Dwayne Washington of Black Student Union were crowned homecoming King and Queen at half-time of the Lakers homecoming basketball game against Rosary College.

First runners-up were Vanessa Allen of Black Student Union and Carris Koulourides of Los Latinos.

Second runners-up were Tammy Wellhausen and Michael Conn, both representing the Cheerleaders.

National Education Association won first prize in the Homecoming Banner contest. Student Programming Board and Bible Study Union tied for second place.

The Lakers beat Rosary College 92-77 as freshman forward Matt Whitaker scored 34 points.

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Editorial

Change in foreign language policy discriminates

The Department of Foreign Languages and Literature recently changed its policy on placement exams. The new policy now requires students to take and pass the next level class to receive credit for the placement exam.

The department said the change in policy was instituted to assure a minimal amount of knowledge in foreign culture, to insure the ability to speak that knowledge, and to make the PUC foreign language policy agree with West Lafayette policy.

The concept of fairness seems to have been lost in the decision.

Students who already have the foreign language knowledge will be forced to show that they

know what the placement test already indicated.

A reason for this change, according to the department, was the placement test does not determine how much a student knows.

What does the placement accomplish then?

If it determines a student's foreign language knowledge, then it only seems logical that it indicates what he already knows.

PUC has the largest Hispanic population in the state. This change in policy will force Hispanic students to dig deeper into their pockets and pay the university for knowledge they already accumulated.

This not only hurts the pocket book, but also takes away educational opportunities in other areas.

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This is another racist barrier added to the difficult task of receiving a diploma.

Policies at West Lafayette, or any other university, should not be a factor in educational policy changes for PUC. The first question that should be asked is "Does the policy adequately represent the needs of the student body?"

This new policy only represents the desires of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature and the administration, not the needs of the students.

Enrollment in foreign language classes will definitely grow, thus giving the department and university added respectability at student expense.

And if agreement with West

Lafayette policy is the goal, then why does PUC require liberal arts majors to take 12 credit hours of foreign language, while West Lafayette only requires nine credit hours.

While the faculty and administration jump for joy over autonomy from West Lafayette in undergraduate programs, they are more than willing to use West Lafayette for an excuse, as long as it fits their desires. Simple inconsistencies, such as a different number of required credit hours, does not affect their reasoning.

And students get the short end of the stick, again.

Nicaraguan elections continue U.S. policies of intrusion

by David Turpin

The latest victory for democracy, according to the U.S. government and media, took place in the February 27th election in Nicaragua. President Bush hailed the defeat of the Sandinistas candidate, Daniel Ortega, as "another victory for democracy." Several aspects of this election, however, suggest that the struggle for democracy in Nicaragua is far from finished.

Anyone familiar with Nicaraguan history cannot help but notice the irony in Bush's jubilation at this victory for democracy. After all, the Somoza dictatorship, which was imposed on Nicaragua by the U.S. Marines and was supported by the U.S. government for more than half a century, staged many elections. Of course the dictator was always "re-elected" but the U.S. government never expressed any concern about "free" elections in Nicaragua until the dictatorship was overthrown by the Nicaraguan people in 1979.

Last Tuesday's election is being hailed as Nicaragua's first free election. The Sandinista's landslide victory in the 1984 elections is dismissed as if it never happened. Evidently, for an election to be "free," the candidate supported by the U.S. government has to win.

But just how "free" was this election? The coalition of groups that ran Violeta Chamorro (which included the Nicaraguan Communist Party) received a \$10 million "contribution" from the U.S. government, an enormous sum in tiny, impoverished Nicaragua. Furthermore, given the history of the Iran-Contra affair, there is every reason to believe that this was only the visible tip of the iceberg of U.S. intervention in this election.

There is no doubt that the hardships resulting from the destruction of the Nicaraguan economy influenced many voters. They were certainly ready for a change. The U.S. government and media places the blame on Sandinista economic policies, but the reason for the more than 30% decline in factory production, for example, was caused by the destruction of electrical generating facilities, not by economic policies.

The Nicaraguan economy, already distorted by centuries of imperialist domination, was destroyed by U.S. aggression. The U.S. government not only waged a military war, in which more than 40 thousand Nicaraguans died, but also waged an economic war, cutting off desperately needed assistance and trade and pressuring other countries around the world to do the

same. After the U.S. invasion of Panama, Nicaragua was even denied access to trade facilities in the Canal Zone which are essential to all countries in the region.

Now that the Sandinistas are out of power the U.S. government will rebuild the economy it has just destroyed. Senator Robert Dole (R-Kan) said that the U.S. must provide Chamorro's government with "big bucks." Rep. Stephen Solarz (D-NY) called for "somewhere in the vicinity of \$200 million to \$300 million." "The best place to find additional money for Nicaragua", he said, "is the defense budget." He went on to say that canceling one B-2 Stealth bomber would provide sufficient funds to rebuild both Nicaragua and Panama. The congressman was, of course, excited.

From the U.S. governments viewpoint the root of the problem is Cuba. It was the Cuban revolution that inspired the Nicaraguan revolution. Even before the Nicaraguan elections the U.S. government and media had already stepped up its thirty year propaganda campaign against Cuba.

One interesting aspect of this campaign

is that no one seriously denies that the Cuban people have enjoyed real social gains since the 1959 revolution. Even an article in the current issue of the arch-conservative National Review acknowledges that "One does not see in Cuba the shanties of the rest of Latin American, or people in rags, or malnourished children."

Instead of trying to understand and learn from the achievements of the Cuban revolution, the U.S. government and media dismiss them by saying that they were possible only because the Cuban economy has been "subsidized" by the Soviet Union. It never seems to occur to these people that if Cuba is a Soviet "showcase" in the Caribbean, the U.S. showcase must be Puerto Rico. Be that as it may, does anyone really believe that U.S. "subsidies" to the new governments of Nicaragua and Panama will produce social gains comparable to those achieved by the Cuban revolution? If it could accomplish that, the U.S. government would have eliminated the underlying cause of revolution in those countries.

Letter to the Editor

Advising is rickety roller coaster ride for student

As you students who have been at PUC for awhile already know, there is a little known policy that covers the advising rules at PUC.

This policy, a.k.a. "Ping-Pong Advising," states that no person, I mean, no student shall have the same advisor for any two semesters during his/her career at PUC. You laugh, but I am living proof that this policy exists.

Being in the Sociology with Criminal Justice Option Major for three years now, I have had five different advisors. (They made a mistake once, I had the same advisor twice in a row!) Rumor has it that I have a new advisor on the way for this semester.

I wonder who it will be this time? Rumor has it again that the janitorial staff will be moonlighting as advisors: janitor by day,

advisor by night.

But actually, I would welcome this. Why not them, too? If they can copy a few numbers down on a card and sign their name then we're in business. We can't be any worse off than we already are, can we?

Maybe, just maybe, if PUC had spent less money on those lovely sculptures on the lawn and on that fabulous sign along the highway, that you can't read unless you're lying down on your side while driving 60+ m.p.h. (which I do not recommend), then there would have been money to hire "real" advisors (you know, people who want to do this and who are qualified).

Don't get me wrong, I won't mind reporting to a new advisor, unless, of course, his/her office is in Utility Closet #12.

Colleen Haczynski

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Music Review

Collins 'But Seriously' cannot be judged by cover

'But Seriously'
Phil Collins

by Don Sullivan

Phil Collins is a name which has become synonymous with top ten albums. His latest effort, "But Seriously" achieves the same. Phil's smooth singing style is evident throughout the album.

Critics have often pointed Collins out as being a "so-so" singer without any diversity in his singing style. I can't think of a singer who exemplifies the talent, the class and the determination that Phil has done throughout years with "Genesis." Collins has shown his diversity in songs he has sung and written. But his skill does not stop there. He is also a world class drummer and pianist.

Phil Collins is not a person to rest on his laurels, as is evident in his new album which exemplifies music at its finest.

"But Seriously" starts out with a rhythmic song called "Hang in Long Enough," which shows Collins' rhythm and blues influence. In "I Wish It Would Rain Down," Collins is backed up on blues guitar by longtime friend Eric Clapton, who adds his "slow hand" style to the song.

Collins makes a much needed social point in the song, "Another Day in Paradise," which brings to light the plight of the homeless. His lyrics in this song state a moral dilemma, "O' Lord is there nothing more anybody can do, O' Lord there must be something you can say," sings Collins.

This album is packed with upbeat songs,

but is mostly comprised of Collins' patented slow songs. This is an "ideal" album to have playing on the cassette player in the car on a date! Romantic lyrics and smooth flowing music make this an album worth purchasing. The only annoyance about this album is not the album itself, but the album cover. On every Phil Collins album, the album cover is a much too close photo of Collins' face.

This album proves the point that you can't judge a book, or in this case an album, by its cover. "But Seriously" rates a B+ for musical contents and an F for the cover.



Photo by Andrew Wright

Take that! I to r. Jeff Gajewski and Chuck Saculla rehearse for the Theatre Company's Spring Musical "Is There Life After High School?" The Theater Co. will perform the play March 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17 in Alumni Hall at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 11 at 3 p.m.

Film series celebrate's Women's History

by Sandy Kelchak

Women Studies and Women to Women are co-sponsoring a film series in recognition of Women's History Week.

"Shoulder to Shoulder" is a six-part video series that traces the women's suffrage movement in Great Britain. The film dramatically depicts the hardships and horrors many women endured as they fought for rights taken for granted today. The series will be shown in its entirety Monday, March 5, beginning at 10 a.m. and run for six hours. Segments one and two will be repeated Tuesday at 4 p.m.; three and four on Wednesday at 4 p.m.; five and six on Thursday at 4 p.m.

"Voices on Motherhood" is a performance of literature that focuses on some of the experiences of mothering and of being mothered. The live performance will be directed by Dr. Theresa Carilli of PUC.

"The Writings of Black Women" will be a reading of literature by Deatra Sullivan.

"Women's Rights in Relation to Linguistic History" is a comparison of patriarchal and matriarchal cultures based on signs and symbols. It will be presented by Chris Zerros.

Also scheduled on Tuesday March 6 is "Children of Eve" at 3:30 p.m.

Scheduled for Wednesday, March 7 is "The Goddess is Alive and Well and Living in Indiana (among other places!)."

Scheduled for Thursday, March 8 is "Growing up Female Around the World" at 12:30 p.m., and "Right Out of History: Judy Chicago's *The Dinner Party*" at 3:30 p.m.

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Laker forward Mike Uhles

by Dave Fanno

He enters PUC's history books as the only player to date to reach 1,000 points within four years, but he is not sure if he'll be back to play his senior year. "They're trying to talk me into staying, but I still don't know what I want to do," Mike Uhles said.

The junior forward (Gary/River Forest H.S.) became the sixth male in PUC history to score 1,000 points in a career.

"We hope he has a lot of points left in him for his senior year," Coach Larry Liddle said. "With a little luck and avoiding injury he may become our all-time leading scorer (Tony Vermejan's 1,588 points is the current record)."

But Uhles, a management major, said his schedule for next fall and the fact that he could graduate in December are making

him seriously consider leaving basketball behind.

"Reaching the 1,000 point club doesn't mean that much to me now, maybe in the future. I'd rather be complimented on my educational background other than my sports background.

"To me all this is a way to pay for school," Uhles said. "If you could see the way they (Athletic Department) treat me you would understand why I might not play next semester," he said.

"Even if they do take care of me and I get a good job that I want I'm gone anyway. I'm thinking about my future," Uhles said.

He said he isn't soured on the team, but he is more concerned about his education, something he said that is not stressed enough. "I talk to a lot of the basketball players, and when they say 'Hey Mike what's your opinion,' and it's about education I always stress education first.

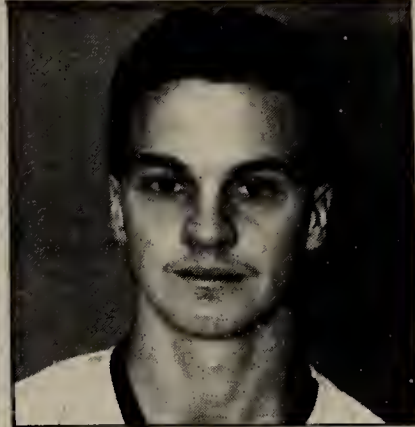
"Look at Shawn Kemp (Seattle Super-sonics). He isn't smart enough to go to college. He's as dumb as a box of rocks," Uhles said.

Although Uhles may not play next year, he is still looking at the team's 1990-91

season. "We need an experienced point-guard to be successful. We have to get a transfer point-guard with some experience.

"I'm not saying bring in another guard and sit Nadie (Robinson) on the bench. We can't play Nadie the whole game, and when we do put a guy in he can't make 10 turnovers," Uhles said.

"We could be unstoppable next year. We could get (Dan) Systma in because he's got



talent than anybody they've ever got here. This guy's a legitimate Division I player if he had the grades.

"He could be dominating. His moves are good, he shoots 3-pointers, he passes good and he can jump out of the gym. Our problem here is that we get 20 to 22 guys coming out at the beginning of the season who can't play because of grades," Uhles said.

Compared to other PUC teams that he has played on, Uhles said there could be other threats PUC could use next year. "We've got to pick up our running game. PUC probably runs better than any college in the

state since I've been here.

His attitude about basketball is so positive that it is hard to believe he would consider not returning for his final year. "I love basketball because of the competitiveness. I hate to lose even at cards, it's just the competitiveness.

Liddle said that Uhles is a hard worker because he's gotten his points in a lot of different ways and Uhles believes in giving his best effort consistently. "As long as you do your best effort...even if I make 50 turnovers and give it my best effort what the hell can I do, I gave it my best effort," Uhles said.

"When I have kids I'm going to stress to them that athletics is great for handling pressure because the competition is there, but just have fun," he said.

Uhles said he admires assistant coach Tom Linger's attitude. "Coach Linger means a lot to me, the way he takes care of his family, the way he disciplines kids, the way he motivates people by explaining things to you. I respect that," he said.

Flaharty named Player-of-the-Week

Junior Gina Flaharty (Merrillville/Merrillville HS) was chosen Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference player of the week for the week of February 10-17. Gina scored 58 points to lead PUC to a 62-61 win at Trinity Christian College and a double overtime loss against St. Francis, Ill. She had personal highs of 37 points and 20 rebounds against St. Francis.

Lady Lakers lose nail biter

by Erik Claesson

The PUC Lady Lakers came up short against the Lady Grizzlies of Franklin College 59-58. Pacing the Lady Lakers offensively once again was Gina Flaharty with 17 points and 13 rebounds.

Right on Flaharty's heels was Jeannine Kulig with 14 points including 10 of 12 from the free throw line. The Lady Grizzlies were leading 32-29 at halftime when Lady Laker coach Stacy Zurek urged her team to "work harder on defense and offense and we can win this game."

The Lady Lakers and the Grizzlies were fighting tooth and nail the entire second half. At the two minute mark senior Tammy Huzzie grabbed one of her 11 rebounds and made the basket to put the Lady Lakers ahead 53-51.

Franklin countered with a basket to tie the score at 53. Huzzie was fouled with 1:17 and hit two free throws to put the Lakers ahead again, but again the Lady Grizzlies countered.

Huzzie hit a basket on a sweet assist from Jeannie Robinson with :54 remaining to move ahead 57-55.

With the ball and :32 remaining, Franklin called a time out. During the time out Zurek told her team "Be confident, this is our game." Franklin scored to tie the game at 57 on two free throws on a foul on from PUC's Robinson.

With :09 on the clock, Zurek and the crowd went nuts on a questionable fifth foul called on Huzzie. Franklin made two free throws to move ahead 59-57.

Kulig was fouled with :03 remaining and hit one of two free throws to complete the scoring at 59-58. Huzzie spent most of the first half on the bench in foul trouble after

scoring at 59-58. Huzzie spent most of the first half on the bench in foul trouble after being called for four fouls in the first half.

PUC committed 23 turnovers, most in the first half, but Franklin's poor play allowed the Lakers to stay in the game. The Lady Lakers once again had problems with officiating by conference referees.

The crowd and Zurek worked the referee Zurek with 11:32 remaining in the second half.

"Everyone in the conference is upset about the quality of the officiating," said Zurek. "There has been talk that next year we may hire our own referees, but we'll have to see what happens."



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Liddle finds plus' despite missing playoffs

by Dave Fanno

The Lakers ended their season last Friday thumping on Illinois Institute of Technology 73-58, but were envisioning a road game this week in the first round of the NAIA District-21 playoffs. No magic this year.

PUC finished ranked 13 behind Indiana South Bend in the final district standings. To qualify for the playoffs, teams have to finish in the top 12.

A ranking system in district rules determines which teams make the playoffs. Indiana South Bend ended with 2.9 ranking and PUC with 2.8.

Coach Larry Liddle said he was disappointed in not making the playoffs not only because they missed the opportunity by such a close margin, but also that the difference in the ranking was caused by a forfeit by Grace College to Indiana South Bend six weeks ago. It also was a bit unsettling because PUC had beaten Indiana South Bend earlier in the season.

But Liddle said those weren't the only reasons the Lakers wouldn't be involved in post-season play. "We lost some games earlier in the season that we shouldn't have."

"Earlier we were not making good deci-

sions. We were forced to put kids into situations that they weren't quite ready for," Liddle said.

"We didn't struggle, but we slipped more than we wanted to. We weren't mentally tough," he said. Liddle said the team played well at the end of the season.

"In the last four ball games, we felt that there was enough points for us to grab to make the tourney. Even the games that we were getting beat in we were competing."

"We were consistently better and we were always challenging. All in all, we were disappointed knowing that if we were to play up to our capability from the beginning of the season we would have been in the tournament."

"But we never achieved that level until

February," Liddle said. His outlook for next season is positive if the players are academically and athletically ready.

"The players have to make the decision to become academically and athletically wise. We can check on them, coherse them and even threaten them, but that's not going to make them succeed if their not mature about attending college," Liddle said.

"If most athletes carried over attributes to class that they carry on the court they would be successful," he said.

"We have potential next year with our quality redshirts, Derrick Franklin, Terry Wilcox and Dan Systma and our returning players. We lose Freddy (Dixon), but it's important that we get returning players to add depth and continuity," he said.

The Lakers lost three experienced guards in Bob Bradtke, Don Hanlon and Jeff Bridges and two base line players before the beginning of the season. Guard Bill Stokes left the team during the season and guard Joe Colgan and forward Rob Dorsey were academically ineligible for the second half of the year.

"It would have been good to get into the playoffs because we're a young team. The players were upset at themselves looking back at the missed opportunities over the year," said Liddle.

"It's a difficult but valuable lesson. If we can build what we've done in February and carry it over we could start November out good," he said.

Lady Laker profile

Robinson gains valuable playing time

by Joanne Genova

Freshman Jeannie Robinson known to her friends as J.R. played her high school basketball Calumet High School, Gary.

Robinson received extensive playing time because of the shortened Lady Laker roster. "Jeannie finished up the season strong, she made great improvements," said coach Stacey Zurek.



Robinson was recruited for her offensive talents ending the season with 162 points and 136 rebounds.

Although Robinson is undecided about her major, she would like to receive a degree in secondary education and maybe coach high school or college basketball.

During the summer she likes spending time at the beach with her friends. She enjoys shopping at the mall and playing basketball, racquetball and softball.

She said that Snickers is her favorite junk food. Her most interesting class is psychology, with Professor Maggy Dust. Jeannie said that the sexiest men are "Mel Gibson in Lethal Weapon" and "Tom Cruise in Rainman".

One of Robinson's favorite hobby's is basketball, and her two favorite teams and players are J.R. Reid, formally of the University of North Carolina now playing for the Charlotte Hornets in the NBA and Boston Celtics Larry Bird.



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Zurek blames defense for poor season

by Erik Claesson

After finishing a season with a combined record of 4-25, there is plenty of room for improvement. Lady Laker basketball coach Stacey Zurek feels that her team showed more than their record reflects.

"The girls attitude was great, even after some pretty bad losses, but they always bounced back," said Zurek. PUC's roster shrunk considerably throughout the season due to academic problems and talented players who chose not to play.

The record was not an accurate portrayal of the Lakers play late in the season. During the last two weeks of the season the Lady Lakers lost in double overtime to undefeated St. Francis and lost to Franklin by one point with :03 remaining.

When looking for the weakness in the armor of her team Zurek pointed the finger to her teams defensive pressure. "Defense was our overall weakness, our lack of defense cost us on our offensive efforts because we were always trying to catch up."

Always outnumbered, the Lady Lakers did not have the numbers nor the endurance to keep up with the competition late in the game or in a run and gun contest. "We were not a quick team," said Zurek.

She said quickness is something that helps on defense but many of the young Lady Lakers came to PUC with poor defensive fundamentals.

On offense, turnovers were a major factor. For PUC, games with 30 turnovers was

not unusual and in some games numbered as high as 39.

"In the off season we are stressing that the girls try to do exercises to improve their hand strength. Sometimes the girls would have the ball taken right out of their hands," said Zurek.

Toward the end of the season the girls were becoming accustom to each others style of play and they were starting to function better as a unit.

Gina Flaharty was the Lady Lakers offensive scoring machine leading the team scoring 15 points per game. "Gina worked very hard in the off season to improve her shooting and her hard work paid off," said Zurek. "She had her best season ever," she said.

Most improved honors went to 5'5" freshman forward/guard Jeannine Kulig who finished the season strong. "Jeannine learned to post up well inside against much larger players most of the time," said Zurek.

The only senior in the lineup for PUC was 6'1" center Tammy Huzzie. "Tammy played better than years past, but she was hampered all season long by nagging injuries which limited her conditioning," said Zurek.

Jeannie Robinson came to PUC after playing her high school basketball at Gary's Calumet High School. The 5'8" Robinson played forward and showed considerable potential on offense, but needs to work on her defense.

"Jeannie has the potential to be a great 3-point shooter if she works on her strength in the summer," said Zurek.

Michigan City's Elston High School gave PUC their point guard in 5'4" Kisha Ward. "Kisha has the ability to make some fantastic passes and as soon as she learns to control those passes she will be great," said Zurek.

When a team has only seven players all seven players are essential and receive a lot of playing time. Toni "Ton Loc" Mitchell came off of the bench to contribute.

"Toni has a tremendous vertical leap when she is having a good game, she can get in there and rebound with anyone," said Zurek, of the 5'5" freshman from Wirt High School, Gary.

From Crown Point and Andean High School's came 5'4" freshmen guard Barb Pictor. "Barb needs to work to improve her defense," said Zurek, "but she is a good shot from the outside and I'm sure that as she receives more playing time she will become a more well rounded player."

Returning next year will be one senior and four sophomores which will create much higher expectations for the Lady Laker squad. "We will take this season as a learning experience and use it to make it to the playoffs next year," said Zurek.

"Hopefully next year we will be a tougher ball team," she said.

Lakers playoff hopes rim out losing to Trinity Trolls

by Erik Claesson

The Trolls of Trinity Christian College dropped the tollgate to stop PUC's Laker advancement to the NAIA District 21 playoffs by winning 83-81.

The Lakers playoff dreams disappeared as Laker Mike Uhles 3-point shot rimmed out as time ran off the clock.

The Lakers were paced on offense by freshman Matt Whitaker who continued his scoring tirade by leading all scorers at

28 points, shooting 11 of 15 from the field and 4 of 6 from 3-point range.

Uhles scored 20 points to make him only the sixth player in PUC history to score over 1,000 career points. The rebounding leader for PUC was Ben Simmons who cleaned up the boards grabbing 12 of the Lakers 26 rebounds.

The Lakers jumped on Trinity from the start leading by as many as 10 points in the first half and went to halftime leading 43-

41 despite committing 12 first-half turnovers.

The second half was a dog fight characterized by 11 lead changes and eight ties. At the 8:08 mark the Trolls took charge going on a 16-6 run over the next 5:26.

Laker coach Larry Liddle called a time out to stop the tide of the Trolls. PUC came out in a full court press which sent the Lakers on a run of their own 14-4 over the next 3:18 to tie the score at 81-81 with 18 seconds remaining.

"We went to the press because our defense wasn't stopping them," said Liddle "We gave them too many back door baskets."

Trinity's senior John Thuene fouled Uhles with Trinity ahead 82-81 on an earlier free throw. Uhles could not take advantage of the free shots.

Trinity pulled down the rebound and Simmons was forced to commit the foul to stop Trinity from scoring. John Venhuizen of the Trolls hit one free throw to put Trinity ahead 83-81.

Popowski grabbed the rebound with :08 remaining, passed to Uhles who took a 3-point shot that would have given the Lakers the win. But it was not to be, Uhles shot rimmed out and time expired.

"We missed the front end of two key free throw opportunities down the stretch," said Liddle in reference to missed free throws by John Muratori with 1:51 remaining and Mike Uhles with :10 remaining.



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One for the books. Mike Uhles adds his name to the PUC 1,000 point club, but the Lakers come up short for the playoffs. Uhles puts basketball in perspective in story on page 6.

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